

**Avoyelles Parish Drinking Water Protection Committee Meeting
January 22, 2004**

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Introductions.
3. Handouts –

Kirk Garber talked about NRCS' addition to the irrigation well bmp fact sheet. DEQ distributed used oil recycling reference cards to the Committee for distribution to retailers. It was suggested by Susan Shore to write a press release about it. Connie Ducote suggested asking Ernest Freeman to put a press release with a list of recycling centers and the sewage treatment maintenance fact sheet in the paper. Micaela Marchand said she could help the Committee get an article together. She will call them to make plans to meet on February 4 to write an article about used oil recycling. Jesse Means introduced the sewage treatment maintenance sheets. Jerry Smith talked extensively about DHH and their requirements for mechanical plants. They have a list of maintenance contractors and they send a letter to remind owners to renew maintenance contracts. Susan Shore suggested including a fact sheet with the letter. Jerry Smith said a fact sheet could be included with site plans. Randall Ducote discussed discharge of materials to ditches. Micaela Marchand suggested producing something for the general public. Kirk Garber suggested putting something in a press release. Connie Ducote will see about sticking the sheets as a flyer in the local paper, including costs, etc. Micaela Marchand will get information when they get in touch for press release. Micaela Marchand said she could check to see if DEQ would be willing to pay for inserts in to the paper. Susan Shore suggested if it was very expensive we could just write an article. Mr. Ducote talked about discharge requirements and mentioned that he thought that DEQ had a general discharge permit that covered it. Susan Shore suggested that the sewer maintenance material should also include exactly what owners need to do. Micaela Marchand said she would make a sheet that combines elements of the Ag fact sheets and also include information on what is required by a system owner. Jerry Smith stated that people could get a list of sewage treatment maintenance

providers. The Committee decided to table all previous sewage plans and see what Micaela can put together. Connie Ducote said she'd still research what it takes to get something into the paper. Susan Shore wants something that says why sewage treatment systems have to be maintained, something that will pull people in and make them pay attention.

4. Above ground storage tank (AST) discussion –
Jerry Smith contacted the Fire Marshal's office, Lance Carruth and P.J. Bello. They could not make this meeting, but they will attend the next meeting. The Committee would like to know requirements as far as ASTs are concerned. Jerry Smith will give DEQ the contact information so we can send him a formal invitation.
5. Ordinance discussion –
Jerry Smith and Ray Bordelon have not yet met with the mayors at the mayor's meeting. Jerry Smith proposed talking to the Avoyelles Parish Water Operators' Group and asking each operator to approach their respective mayors and city councils. Connie Ducote will try and propose the ordinance to Mansura.
6. SPSOC visits –
Carolyn Bordelon, Connie Ducote, and Jesse Means talked about the SPSOC visits.
7. Open discussion –
Randy Ducote requested more of the septic fact sheets that DEQ brought to the meeting. DEQ will see if more can be attained. Jerry Smith talked about perc tests, etc. Randy Ducote talked about Ann Wilson's Hazmat program (household hazardous waste collection day) in Alexandria and suggested having something similar in Avoyelles. He said he could ask Ann Wilson about her program. Micaela Marchand offered to show the Committee the manual on how to hold a household hazardous waste collection day. Jesse Means talked about possibly using the Committee on film for video and interviews. The Committee agreed. DEQ took ideas for the video- model, water cycle, PSA's. Randy Ducote mentioned some PSA's DHH did that are humorous and he will try to obtain a copy. Kirk Garber suggested that Avoyelles should set

the mark on getting unregistered wells registered. Richard Tassin asked about seismic well regulations. Jesse Means discussed DNR regulations. DEQ will look up DNR regulations on seismic work for informational purposes.

8. The date for next meeting was set at 6:00, March 4 at the Bunkie Civic Center.